Fact Sheet on 2008 Emergency Operations Grant Program

Overview: The FY EOC Grant Program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable EOC's with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. ***This grant program is not intended to fund the construction or renovation of State and/or local Fusion Centers.***

Program Requirements: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is the designated State Administrative Agency and will be responsible applying for and administering the funds.   VDEM will submit to the Dept. of Homeland Security (via Grants.gov) the application for funding no later than ***July 28, 2008***. Each State may request funding for ***only one construction or renovation project***:
1. Construction – building a new facility or any changes to the footprint of an existing facility. Maximum request is $1,000,000.00
2. Renovation – internal improvements to an existing facility. Maximum request is $250,000.

Construction or renovation projects selected for funding will receive the full amount requested.

All applicants receiving funds from this grant program will be given ***36 months*** in which to expend all funds and will be required to complete all program and fiscal audit reporting as established by the DHS grant guidance and VDEM's Grants Management Office.

To be eligible to receive funds from this program, applicants must meet the NIMS compliance requirements. Applications will be required to submit their 2007 compliance assessment by September 30, 2008 via the NIMSCAST in order to be eligible.

Allowable Expenses:
Equipment: Allowable equipment categories are listed on the RKB (www.rkb.us) and below:

- Explosive Device Mitigation and Remediation (Category 2)
- Information Technology (Category 4)
- Cyber-Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 5)
- Interoperable Communications Equipment (Category 6) *(additional requirements listed in full announcement)*
- Power Equipment (Category 10)
- CBRNE Reference Materials (Category 11)
- Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Category 14)
- CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment (Category 19)
- Other Authorized Equipment (Category 21)

Unallowable Costs:
EOC Grant Program funds may **not** be spent towards **organization**, **training**, or **exercises** costs.
In addition, EOC Grant Program funds may not be spent towards:
- Expenditures for items such as general-use software (word processing, spreadsheet, graphics, etc), general-use computers and related equipment (other than for allowable M&A activities, or otherwise associated preparedness or response functions), general-use vehicles, licensing fees, weapons systems and ammunition
- Costs to support the hiring of emergency managers or the hiring of sworn public safety officers for the purposes of fulfilling traditional public safety duties or to supplant traditional public safety positions and responsibilities
- Activities unrelated to the completion and implementation of EOC construction or renovation
- Other items not in accordance with the portions of the AEL and allowable costs listed in Part III, Section A of the full guidance.

Match: In FY 2008, the EOC Grant Program has a **75 percent Federal and 25 percent grantee** cost share cash-or-in-kind match requirement. This cost share match cannot be matched with federal funds.

Application Evaluation and Prioritization Process:

A. EOC Investment Justification Template
All EOCs **must** use the EOC Investment Justification Template to submit an application through the SAA to describe the proposed construction or renovation project. ***Please see Appendix A, EOC Investment Justification Template, for the program's narrative and budget application requirements in full guidance***. The application must also provide certification that a facility assessment has been conducted, as well as outline how the project will address the identified

deficiencies or needs identified in the assessment. Applications must also evaluate the enhanced capability accomplished with completion of the proposed project and provide a description of any preexisting planning that may have occurred. In addition, States must concur on final local applications before that EOC may draw down EOC Grant Program funds.

B. Application Evaluation

FEMA recognizes that each State and local jurisdiction has unique needs. Construction or renovation projects will be selected based on how well they address the following criteria:

    State-identified priorities
    Quality of justification
    Preexisting planning

State and Local Review

Prior to the submission deadline for applications, the SAA will review all State and/or local EOC project applications to prioritize those projects. However, no State will possess a final veto authority over any local application submission. In other words, all applications received will be submitted to FEMA in priority order determined by the SAA.

National Review

A national review panel, to include FEMA headquarters and regional staff and peer subject matter experts, will conduct a final review of State-prioritized projects to determine funding allocations.

Timelines:

Announcement	by June 19th
Application Period	June 23 – July 11
Application Deadline	July 11 COB - FIRM
SAA Evaluation & Final Edits	July 14 - 18
Submission to DHS	No later than July 20
Reviewed by DHS	Within 60 – 90 days after submission